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Requirements for Intelligence on New Port Planned Along Lower Yangtze

BACKGROUND

Chinese Communist press reports several months ago indicated that a completely mechanized port was to be built along the lower Yangtze during 1955. [REDACTED] No details are available as to location or planned capabilities of the port. If this is a new port it might be an important factor in building up transport capabilities in a new area. If it is actually an improvement to existing port facilities it might indicate a shift in present water-borne cargoes or rail/water traffic along the lower Yangtze.


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It is requested that intelligence be developed along the following lines:

1. Pinpoint location of proposed port.
2. Is it a completely new port or does it involve improvement to an existing port?
3. If a new port is planned describe facilities and transport connections planned (rail, road, water, air). If improvement of an existing port is planned describe such plans, with particular attention to improvement in cargo handling capabilities and transport connections.
4. Any intelligence available as to budgetary allocation (or actual expenditure) for the planned port. Is the Central Government or Provincial Government paying for the port? Is it a jointly financed project?
5. If the port is a new location why was that location chosen? If it is an existing port why was it decided to expand facilities at that port?
6. When is new port (or additional facilities to existing port) expected to be in full operation; when in partial operation?
7. Any reports on estimates as to nature, volume, origin/destination of cargoes scheduled to be handled at port.

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It is suggested that ONI and CIA field collection sources be contacted to develop intelligence on this requirement. The need is routine.

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